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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. ICHIFUJI et al.  
Serial No.: 09/418,822  
Filed: October 15, 1999  
For: BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATION RECEIVER  
APPARATUS  
Art Unit: 2714 (Anticipated)  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

On October 15, 1999, the applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application in which they cited, inter alia, the following reference:

Digital Satellite Receiver--Operating Instructions, SAT-B1, 3-800-183-21 (1), p. 25, Sony Corporation, © 1995.

In the Information Disclosure Statement of October 15, 1999, the applicants stated that although the Digital Satellite Receiver--Operating Instructions reference has a copyright date of 1995, the applicants did not know whether this reference was actually distributed or made available for distribution to the public in 1995, or whether the digital satellite receiver described in this reference was actually sold or offered for sale to the public in 1995.

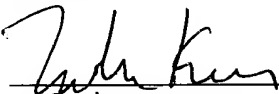
However, upon further review of their records, the applicants have discovered that the Digital Satellite Receiver--Operating Instructions reference was attached to a product which one of the applicants purchased in December 1995.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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